

name Ms. Rivers its sole permanent guest hostess.

A prolific writer, John Rivers has authored nine books, and for three years wrote a thrice-weekly syndicated column for the "Chicago Tribune." Joan Rivers' volumes have been invariably successful; her first book alone sold over four million copies. Ms. Rivers' 1986 autobiography reached number four on the "New York Times" bestseller list in only two weeks. The sequel, *Still Talking*, published in 1991, was a Book-of-the-Month selection.

Mindful of her incredible success, Joan Rivers has been a role model in her charitable deeds. Ms. Rivers played the voice of the Honest Boy's Mother for an audio version of *The Emperor's New Clothes* benefiting the Starbright Foundation. In 1982, Ms. Rivers was the first celebrity to call attention to the impending AIDS crisis when she hosted and headlined the first AIDS benefit. Along with many other contributions, Ms. Rivers has also participated in the "Comic Relief" fund-raiser to end homelessness.

I am delighted that the USO has chosen to honor Joan Rivers. I ask my fellow members of Congress to do likewise by joining me in tribute to this truly outstanding woman.

HONORING CAPTAIN KENT ROMINGER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Del Norte's Kent V. Rominger for his induction into the Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. The 44-year-old Colorado native is one of those lucky few that has had the privilege of traveling into the final frontier. I would like to thank him for all that he has done for the space program and to congratulate him on his introduction into the Hall of Fame.

Captain Rominger has served in the U.S. Navy since receiving his commission through the Aviation Reserve Officer Candidate Program in 1979. His Naval service included assignments with the Fighter Squadron Two aboard the USS Ranger and the USS Kitty Hawk and Fighter Squadron Two Hundred Eleven aboard the USS Nimitz. Kent is now a NASA Astronaut and Shuttle Commander. He is the first to have commanded two shuttle dockings with the International Space Station Alpha. He holds the record for the most earth orbits and the most time in space.

Kent has traveled into space five times and has logged over 1,500 hours in space. He has piloted the STS-73 in 1995, the STS-80 in 1996 and the STS-85 in 1997 and has served as crew commander twice, on the STS-96 in 1999 and STS-100 this year. His last mission, the STS-100 on the Space Shuttle Endeavour was on April 19. The mission involved installing the Space Stations robotic arm.

Mr. Speaker, Captain Kent Rominger is an American Hero. Many kids grow up dreaming that they will one day be an astronaut, Kent is living that dream. I would like Congress to join me in congratulating Kent on his achievements and wish him good luck on future missions to space.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT OF 2001

SPEECH OF

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 22, 2001

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 1) to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind:

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Chairman, Dr. James E. Shanley, President, American Indian Higher Education Consortium, urges us to support an amendment to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA).

AMERICAN INDIAN
HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM,
Alexandria, VA, May 16, 2001.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Chairman, Education and the Workforce Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Hon. GEORGE MILLER,
Ranking Member, Education and the Workforce Committee, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BOEHNER AND RANKING MEMBER MILLER: On behalf of the 32 Tribal Colleges and Universities, I am writing to request your support for an amendment that is being proposed in the Senate to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), S. 1. The amendment addresses a serious matter involving two tribally-controlled postsecondary vocational institutions, United Tribes Technical College (UTTC) and Crownpoint Institute of Technology (CIT).

It is our understanding that the House of Representative's ESEA reauthorization bill has already been reported from your committee, and consequently a similar amendment may not be offered. Therefore, we ask that consideration be given to rectifying this serious issue either through an amendment on the House Floor or during any Conference session that occurs with the Senate on the ESEA reauthorization bill.

CIT and UTTC were founded to provide much needed vocational education opportunities to the American Indian students in their respective tribal communities. Because these two institutions are not eligible to receive funding under the Tribally Controlled College or University Assistance Act and are vocational in nature, Section 117 of the Carl Perkins Act was created in 1990, to offer them a source of core operational support and is key to their existence.

The proposed Senate amendment (numbered 426) reaffirms the original intent of section 117, to provide institutional support for these two tribally controlled vocational institutions. While increased funding for Indian vocational education programs is greatly needed, section 117 is not the appropriate vehicle to address this funding disparity.

AIHEC directly advocated for the creation of section 117 and herein state our intent to do everything possible to continue to protect its original purpose.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this serious issue. We look forward to working with you on this and other issues that impact our tribal colleges.

DR. JAMES E. SHANLEY,
*President, AIHEC
Board of Directors
and Fort Peck Community College, Poplar, MT.*

IN HONOR OF CONGRESSMAN RALPH REGULA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my distinguished colleague in the Ohio Congressional Delegation, Congressman RALPH REGULA for dedicating more than 45 years in public service.

Congressman REGULA started his distinguished public career early in life as an Ohio State Representative in 1964 and then State Senator. He moved on to serve as a member of the United States House of Representative where he now serves as the Subcommittee Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Before entering public life, Rep. REGULA served as a school teacher and principal with Stark County schools and later served on the Ohio Board of Education. Rep. REGULA recognizes the value of a good education and continues to support education on the federal level as the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services and Education. He has received many honors for his work in education such as the Stark State College of Technology Founder Award and is a trustee at Mount Union College. He has recently been inducted into the Ohio Federation of Independent Colleges Hall of Excellence.

Rep. REGULA has also been dedicated to advocating on behalf of the elderly as Co-Chair of the Older Americans Caucus. In 1994 he was recognized by the Administration on Aging as the first recipient of the Older Americans Month Congressional Award for his work such as extending flu shot coverage under Medicare and authoring legislation to provide coverage for preventative services to the elderly.

Rep. REGULA has been a friend and a colleague for many years. I have tremendous respect for him as a legislator. It gives me great pleasure to publicly recognize the achievements of Rep. REGULA.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHARLES H. MILBY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 23, 2001

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Milby High School. This is a school in East End Houston named after Charles H. Milby who was an important advocate for the creation of the Houston Ship Channel.

Charles H. Milby was born in Indianola, Texas on August 29, 1852, the seventh and youngest child of William P. and Mary Y. Milby. Charles' father was a member of the Texas Congress from 1842 to 1844. Throughout his life, Charles H. Milby was always concerned about improving the economy and welfare of his community. He served as a member of the original committee that presented the U.S. Federal Government with the idea of